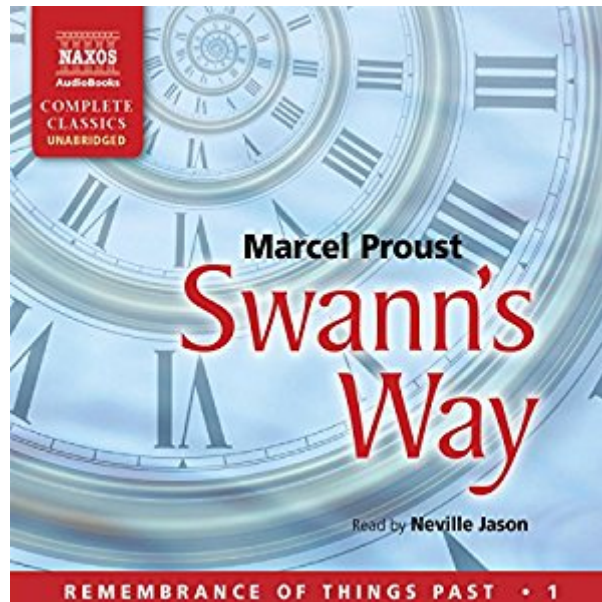


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Swann's Way



Synopsis

Remembrance of Things Past is one of the monuments of 20th-century literature. Neville Jason's widely praised abridged version has rightly become an audiobook landmark, and now, upon numerous requests, he is recording the whole work unabridged which, when complete, will run for some 140 hours. Swann's Way is the first of seven volumes and sets the scene with the narrator's memories being famously provoked by the taste of that little cake, the madeleine, accompanied by a cup of lime-flowered tea. It is an unmatched portrait of fin-de-si  cle France.

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I have always wanted to read the entire unabridged 7 volumes of Proust "Remembrance of Things Past" (or "In Search of Lost Time" per other translations) but I just don't have the time to undertake that amount of reading with my schedule. I do drive a good bit and also try to get out to walk - so I have been listening to some of the great novels that I have wanted to get to. This new release of the unabridged reading of volume 1 (Swann's Way) comes just at the right time in my life. I considered getting the 39 CD abridged version which Neville Jason read previously. I listened to some of it through a library loan. He's a beautiful reader of Proust. I decided to be brave and buy this new unabridged series and I'm so glad I did. This masterpiece is an amazing journey for someone who really loves classics, philosophy, history, art, psychology. Proust's detailed descriptions can really trigger personal memories and transport his reader into incredibly rich, detailed unconscious memories of their own lives. Jason's abridged version is quite well received but, as good as it is, like most abridged books, it pales in comparison to the full work. This unabridged version is read in a noticeably older voice -- which only adds to the richness of this semi-fictionalized memoir. I have every intention of completing the entire series as it is released through 2012. I also bought the little book (\$10) of "Marcel Proust's Search for Lost Time: A Reader's Guide to the The Remembrances

of Things Past" by Patrick Alexander. It provides brief overviews of the volumes narratives, themes and various versions. It also gives background info on historical events, places/maps, reference notes on 50 main characters, family trees, info and pics of Proust and his family. I highly recommend this to anyone interested in taking on 1 of the greatest literary masterpieces ever written but who doesn't have the time/energy to sit down and read a million and a half word novel.

This is the first volume in a two volume set that contains the entire REMEMBRANCE OF THINGS PAST, unabridged. It's from the U.K., which is why you don't see it for sale much in the U.S. (You can get it no problem on 's U.K. site, though: use ISBN-10: 1840221461 or ISBN-13: 978-1840221466 to find it.)It's much cheaper than those silver ones that you do see, published by Vintage.But there's something you should know about the translation. This is the translation by C. K. Scott-Moncrieff and Stephen Hudson (the latter completing the job after the former croaked midway through it). This translation was later reworked by Terence Kilmartin to the approval of many (which translation was in turn reworked by D. J. Enright). That is the translation offered in those silver ones you see everywhere, but IS NOT THE TRANSLATION YOU'RE GETTING HERE from the Wordsworth Editions. This is just the unreworked 1922-1930 job.It doesn't offer any footnotes or anything else like that.The entire thing is also available in one volume in French from here: A LA Recherche Du Temps Perdu (French Edition)

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